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THE DISCOVERY OF "OLD ST. MARY"5" IN THE ROMAN FORUM.

Twelve Centuries Old-A Description of prations An Interesting History of the Old Churchand Its Builders,

Finally we come to the great church which has been revealed by the removal of S. Maria Liberatrice and the ground behind it. At right angles to the entrance, and immediately behind the shrine of Juturna, is a smal- flect on the extraordinary fortune let church, which, as the well-preserve which has preserved to us a dated ed eighth century fresco of the apse p cture of the eighth century with all shows must have been dedicated to the freshness and crudity of its origithe Forty Martyrs. Apparently our nat color Relatively speaking, but a authorities contain no trace of any short time must have elapsed before such dedication in this region. The the church was abandoned, probably principal chirrch consists of the two great halls, which, constructed in the second century between the Palatine the paintings till our own day. Fraghill and the massive brick structure mentary as are the remains, and poor known as the Temple of Augustus. were partly remodelled in Christian times and completely decorated inter- forms the bulk of them, they are nally with painting.

What was this church? On Dec. 21 first time. Then the "Book of the paintings, the reason, no doubt, be-

ninth century the name disappears. idea of the remains which have now London Times. been recovered. Of the two halls of classical times, the outer, though not . as an Atrium, as shown by the num- A Priest the Inventor of Cloth Impenopen to the sky, was perhaps treated erous burial recesses (locust) excavated in its walls. Its sides, at least, ings, but, they have suffered so se- Zeglen, of St. Stanislaus' Church, in many who believe that to be perfectverely that little of importance can be the City Hall. Chicago, last week. ly liberal it is not necessary to keep made out. The inner church is far The report of the policeman's revol- any term or abstain from any abuse better preserved. In places the frescoe on the walls are to all intents and building, but neither the explosion were painted, and the architectural len. The bullet hit him full in the purposes as fresh as the day that they arrangements are fairly easy to trace. An apse has been hollowed out of the back wall of the square sanctuary, shooting, yet he only laughed. The which is flanked by two chapels, while the nave of the church was separated from the aisles by two granite columns on either side. Low screens divided up the space in a curious way. Every inch of the surface of walls, screens, and columns was covered with painting. Most of that which has survived belongs demonstrably to the middle of the eighth century. the left of the colossal Christ in the apse stands a Bishop with the square nimbus, which shows that a contem- demo. tration. porary person is represented. Beside him is his name; it is Paul I. speaking for Father Zegien, "was in-(757-767). A glimpse, by the way, wenter there in Chicago by this clergywas got of this figure when the apse man It will stop any old kind of was excavated nearly two hundred bull you fire against it." years ago; but the rest is new to us. In the chapel to the left, beneath a CATHOLIC EVENTS OF THE CENcrucifixion of extraordinary brilliancy which fills the recess above the altar (the base of which still stands in its which Catholics are, as such, interestplace), the Virgin is represented, sur- ed are. rounded by Peter and Paul, Quiricus and Julitta, the saints to whom the chapel was dedicated as antings on the side walls show. on the side walls show. figures at either extremity of the group, with the square numbus and his passed by the British Parliament name clearly inscribed, stands Pope Zacharias (741-752). To the right an ecclesiastic presents the mode, of a foot by Father Mathew (1838). church to the Virgin Beside him appears the inscription which settle-the name of the church. Written fully it runs, in the ungrammatical Latin of the time: "Theodotus primocerius defensorum et dispensatore Sanctae Dei genetricis semperquebirgo Marie Conception of Our Blessed Lady qui appellatur antiqua. Theodotus (1854). can hardly be any other than the uncle of Adrian I., who, we are told in the "Book of the Popes," began life as an official of the Byzantine one of the highest dignitaries of the Roman Church. The scenes from the Old Testament which covered the side walls of the church are in the same style as these paintings, and formed part of the same scheme of decoration. But on the wall to the right of the apse accident has revealed several layers of painting below. Without attempting here to distinguish these minutely, one may say that the earl-

tradition. In any cas the eighth century pictures. The dured the siege of Tien Tsin. We sante impression is core ved by some quote a few sentences: scenes from the life of Christ on the side walls of the sanctuary, and, in a with that of Pekin, where the blood less degree, by the fragments of Old of thousands flowed in streams. Tell Testament subjects mostly on the Marian over seventy Chinese boys, screens in the body of the church. younger than she, said to the Boxers They recall the miniatures which illustrate Christian MSS, of the fourth but we will not sacrifice to the statue. to the sixth century. Now we know They were in the pagoda, and the that it was not (with rare exceptions) | cruel Boxers took them by their little till after the Byzantine conquest in legs and tore their bodies in two. the sixth centery that the ancient Glorious little martyrs. * * * Our Sisbuildings in Rome began to be con- ters in Pekirs ate dogs and cats, and verted into churches. By the seventh the Bishop said the priests and Sisters English and Spanish, besides the reg-

evidence to the continu

istence to be distinguished as "Anti-, may imagine how large was the piece are graduates of St. Michael's. qua" from some more recent church, the received. The Boxers brought The paintings which show the classi- the Sisters to the pagoda to sacrifice cal influence cannot be put later than them and a Protest at gentleman and courteous, and is a fine linguist. this, and one would expect them to be- headed a fand who rescued them. A long rather to the earlier days of the lady, with pistol in hand, went with Byzantine dominion. At pesent the the band to cave the Sisters. She is Brothers. Two of them have gone to work of John VII, is not opvious; but an American and a Protestant." we must remember how compara-Its Interior and Its Well Preserved Dec- tively small a portion of the painted surface of the interior has survived. Then, in the middle of the eighth cen- State Board of Charities has now geen tury, the apse, chapels, and outer put forward by the new Governor, and walls were almost completely redec-

As one stands before the Crucifixion in the side chapel, one cannot but reafter an earthquake which filled the building with debris and sealed up from an artistic point of view as is the work of the eighth century which nevertheless of immense importance for the history of painting as helping the discovery of an inscription ans- to bridge the gap between the end of wered the question and put an end to the classical tradition and the begina long controversy. It is S. Maria ning of the Italian Renaissance, just Antiqua—"Old St. Mary's," as we where the evidence has hitherto failshould say It was already "old" by ed us It is much to be feared that the middle of the seventh century, the paintings, now that they are exwhen we find it mentioned for the posed, will soon lose the freshness of their coloring, as, indeed, some have done already. They are protect- ative to granting a lottery privilege, that in the early years of the eighth ed so far as possible by wooden roofs, declared "lotteries were like the century John VII. decorated it with and careful drawings are being made of the whole, but it behooves those to ing that by the construction of the adjoining Papal residence it had be- un que privilege of seeing with their come the Papal chapel. After the Own eyes specimens of the painting apersion must be the offspring of igof the seventh and eighth centuries, A few words must suffice to give an practically as the artists left them.

BULLET PROOF.

etrable to Bullets.

builet point blank at Rev Casimir voice of calumny. But there are too nor the builet disturbed Father Zegbreast, but fell to the floor flat and harmless. Chief Kipley saw the father leaned over and picked up the

built proof cloth He yrought a vest of this materia, up to the top floor of the City Hall to show it to the police chiefs who were meeting in national convent on in the offices of the identilicate to bureau. Some of the chiefs were some hal as to whether the cloth would, any stop a bullet, and so Father Zeg en gave them a practical

The vest," said Chief Kipley,

The leading events of the century in The re-establishment of the Jesuits

(1814). The defeat of the persecutor. Na-

polcon, at Waterloo (1815). The Act of Catholic Emancipation

The temperance movement set on The conversion of John Henry New-

The accession of Pius IX. (1846). The re-establishment of the Eng-

lish hierarchy (1850). The definition of the Immaculate

The Vatican Council and the definition of the infallible magisterium of the Pope (1869-1870).

The sponation of the Holy See by Victor Emanuel (1870). The initiation of the Kulturkampf

in Germany (1872). The accession of Leo XIII. (1878).

AN AMERICAN NUN IN CHINA. A Sister of Mgr. O'Connell, Formerly Rector of the American College in

Rome. The Independent says in its issue of the present week: We have said that iest of them belong to a time when the there is not a single American Cathoclassical tradition of painting was lie missionary in China. We were still vigorous, and that some of the mistaken. There s one Amercan Sislatter fragments, though harder and ter of Charity, Sister Joannes, a sismore conventional in style still bear ter of Mgr. O'Connell, formerly rector of that of the American College in Rome. re is a Letters are published addressed to her world of difference between them and mother and sister after she had en-

> "Our suffering bears no comparison 'You may whip us, you may kill us,

CHARLATAN REFORMERS. A proposal to abolish the New York -says The Catholic Standard and Times-is raising such a storm of protest as bodes il! for the surcess of the scheme-one of those pet projects which are being perpetually put forward by charlatan reformers, nominally in the interests of "progress," but really in that of bigotry or intrigue.

nege has promised to make a gencrows contribution.

DRIVEN FROM IRELAND. .

A Publisher Who Upheld the Faith in Two Continents.

The first defender of the Faith and upholder of the Church in this country who was an editor was Mathew Carey. At the session of the Pennsylvania Assembly in January, 1792. one Fisher, a Quaker, in a debate rel-Pope's indulgencies, forgiving and permitting sins to raise money."

Mathew Carey at once wrote the Daily Advertiser that "Mr. Fisher's norance and liberality. A member of a body who profess peace and harmony as the rule of their conduct should abstain from such an unwarrantable attack on those who had offered him no offense. The slander and persecution his own sect has labored under should have taught him Policeman Antonio Depka fired a not to lend a too ready ear to the

Mr. Fisher at once expressed his regret that he should wound the feelings of any individual, much more of a whole society for whose general character in this country he has a very high respect." He asked for books treating of the subject, so as to "remove from his mind a prejudice which may have arisen from his being more conversant in the writing of their opponents than their own.".

At fifteen Carey became a printer, and while still a mere youth published "A Letter to the Catholics of Ireland" in which the galling oppressions of the Papal Code were lashed with virtuous indignation. For this he was prosecuted and had to fly to Paris, where he was befriended by Dr. Franklin. After a year's exile he returned to Dublin and edited the Freeman's Journal. Carey, however, was a bold writer, and on account of an attack on the British Ministry he was arrested and imprisoned for a long time in Newgate. Finding it impossible to remain in Ireland, he directed his steps to the United States and arrived at Philadelphia Nov. 15, 1784. Two months fater he started the Pennsylvania Herald, the first newspaper in America that furnished accurate reports of the legislative debates. Carey was his own reporter.

He also was the first Catholic publisher in the United States, though not the first Catholic to publish a Catholic book-two preceded him-Talbot. an Irishman, and Lloyd, an Englishman. But Carey was the first regularly engaged in the publishing business who issued Catholic books, and though no public approval of the first synod, held in 1791, is known, the fact that he sent proposals to the synod and published Catholic works secures him the honor of being our first publisher.

SAN MIGUEL'S, SANTA FE.

scription.

The Oldest Church in America-Brother Botolph's Interesting De-

Brother Botolph, president of St. Michael's College. Sante Fe. New Mexico, who is visiting Rev. Brother Junian Peter, director of St. Joseph's Commercial College, Detroit, Mich., in speaking of the chapel of San Miguel at Sante Fe, of which he has charge, said that it is the oldest Catholic church in America. It is supposed to have been built by Spanish missionaries in 1580, but in 1680, with all the rest of the main buildings of the city, it was burned by the Indians. The chapel was rebuilt in 1710, and the greater part of it still remains as it was originally built, except the tower, which has undergone some changes. The date of erection is carved on a beam of the roof and can still

St. Michael's College was built in 1870, and consisted of a one-story building, the walls being made, of adobe and the roof of mud. At that time Sante Fe had no public schools. and the Christian Brothers ran a free school with about two hundred day pupils and about twenty boarders. The college has been enlarged to to extent of two three-story buildings, made of adobe. The pupils are taught century, as we have seen, St. Mary's should first supply the poor before ular commercial course, including had been sirendy long enough in ex- taking anything themselves, no. you shorthend and typewriting. Four members of the province legislature

Brother Botolph is a scholarly and dignified old gentleman, very affable He is one of a family of four boys. every one of whom became Christian their reward. The third is stationed at Ammendale, Md. Brother Botolph

has spent nearly fifty years in educational work, and more than thirty among the Indians, Spaniards and Mexicans. At the present time they have sixty day scholars and eighty boarders at St. Michael's, among them many Americans.

BLACKBALLING CATHOLICS. A shameful case of blackbal ing in the German army is to be brought before the Reichstag. Three young men, natives of Cologne, having duly The members of St. Thomas' church qualified as officers, applied for comat Braddock, Pa, the p n : C . . c missions. The officers before whom hurch of the Monongahela Valy. x- the application came, however, depect to build a beautiful and c mimo- muried on the ground of their objecdous house of worship in the near tion as Catholics to the duel. Quesfuture Part of the necessary funds tioned more closely as to their exact have been provided, and Andrew Car- views on the question, the young men gave it as their decided opinion that dueling was sinful and that no man should be forced to give or accent a challenge. This settled the matter with the board of officers. The subalterns were blackballed, and though the Minister for War, on being appealed to. cancelled the vote, a secand ballot only resulted in a second rejection. It is to be hoped that the Reichstag will effectively inte ve a .o put an end to a system under which consciences are oppressed and such a ant defiance of authority as is possiole. The Centre Party will in this ase have behind it the Liberals and he Socialists.

The Misses Maxwell-Scott, descendants of Sir Walter Scott. were among the recent Catholic pilgrims to Rome.

Dr. B. F. De Costa will deliver the figuration church, New York. A concert will precede and follow the lec- persuasion to show the active virtue

eph's hospital, Syracuse, received dip- what practical heathenism non-Cathlomas on January 24th. There were olic men there lived. "Many men," he no one dares explain, from a ten in the class.

names on the roll of saints and have ters-were often church members. pronounced 310 beatifications.

college's alumni, held a short time just to please their wives." ago, Dr. Jose M. Ferrer announced that \$2 500 would be given to the college for an extension of the library.

Holy Cross College chapel, Wcroesof St. Aloysius.

Florida, has gone to Havana to labor ministers give us." in the Church there. He will probabligious matter.

place recently at Montebourg, at the which will receive their allegiance. age of 61. Frere Joseph was a man | Another evidence of the interest of unusual ability, and will be a seri- excited among the men and their of the features of the Paris Salon.

the "Red Mass," on the ground that the church in the matter. One man the ceremony at the opening of courts sided with me, and I thought at most was an infringement on the rights of he was a Catholic; but no, it transthe conscience of the magistrates!

PERSONALITIES.

A noted is with a clan. Dr. Marcy, of Fifth avenue, who died with the old year, was a classmate at Amherst College of Archbishop Bayley, also a convert, and of Henry Ward Beecher. He was reared a Presbyterian, but after long, serious study became a Catholic. Dr. Marcy practiced for ten years in Hartford.

Queen Margaret of Italy has separated herself from the royal household and will henceforth live in a palace of her own upon which the shadow of an excommunication does not rest. She has asked that the parish priest be permitted to bless her new home, and the request has been granted. For the first time since her marriage she feels herself a Catholic.

Mother Aloysius of the Ursuline, Six-

ters of New York, has opened a school in Vedado, a fashionable suburb of Havana. She is assisted by Sister Incarnation and Sister Gabriel from Galveston, Texas, and two or three lay teachers. The school already has a good attendance of pupils. All the teaching is done in English. Cuba is a good field for the Sisters' school, not only for the non-sectarianism of the them colored and white children are for men join secret societies ignorant indiscriminat by mixed together. In ly; not knowing that all that feeling many of the public schools the color- of union, that espect du corps found ed pupils are in the majority. There in the modesty ds tound much more is now and always will be a large class of Cubans desirous of having of the Catholic Church their children in schools where col-ored pupils are not admitted, and as a consequence private schools will al-

PAULIST MISSIONS.

THE PREACHED TO NON-CATHOLICS RECENTLY IN NEW YORK'S

Protestant Theological Students Attend the Lectures and are Entightened in the Question of Validity of Anglican Orders-Earlis of Secret Spoieties Considered.

The annual mission to non-Cathoics held recently in the Church of the Paulists, New York, has developed some interesting features. Indeed, it may be said that what gives the work of non-Catholic missions its peculiar test is the fact that if is constantly developing new problems. This mistion has had a dash of spice through the visit night after night of a crowd of young "theologs" from the General Theological Seminary. What bothered them most of all was the question of

addity of Anglican Orders. The special way in which their queries were framed for the question oox indicated anything but a settled tate of mind on this, to them, momentous question. The situation is just this. All the evangelical bodies leny the necessity of apostolic sucression or the need of orders. The Low Church Episcopalians are pracit cally of the same mind. On the other hand the Church of Rome, which has been the great custodian of the rite of ordination refuses to acknowledge the validity of Anglican Orders. Little wonder then that the Angucana should begin to doubt what no one class will admit the validity of.

If there is one respect in which Catholic mission work does more good than another, it is this, that it reaches men as nothing else does. Woman are naturally religious. Perhaps it would be too much to say that men are naturally irreligious, but it cer-St. Patrick's night lecture at Trans, tainly is true that it is very much harder for an individual of the male of religion than it is for his wife or sister. A priest who had lately fin-The first graduating class of the lahed a missionary tour in the South want the Bible in the school at training school for nurses at St. Jos- says that he was astonished to find in it wise. To what purpose the says, "told me that they never attend- which all maye the Combolice a ed church at all, nor During the nineteenth century just since childhood. When I inquired furpast, the six sovereign pontiffs there- ther, however, I found that their, in reigning have placed seventy-sight women-folks'-their wives and daugh-The few men who did make a practice of going to the various Protestant At the annual dinner of Manhattan places of worship did so, I discovered.

When a non-Catholic mission is the Ursuline order at the given it was my experience that , me of mothers reperior at Remain men eagerly came to it-and that of their own accord; they did not have ling together all the bouses of to be dragged there. And I found ter, is the recipient of a new statue, that these men were the most willing the gift of the Misses Kelly, of Wor- and interested 1 - ners that I had, cester, Mass. It is five feet four inch- 'Father,' one of .nom said to me, es in height, and is a representation wnon you preach there is something to hear; there is some songe in it; comething to make men think. It is Rev. Joseph P.Hankey , of St. Leo, very different from the 'hot sir' the

Statements such as this ought to ly take charge of a printing estab- encourage missionary work, for herelishment known as The Orphan Chil- are men hungry for the truth, eager to dren, which does much printing of re- learn, naturally religious, and these men are easily brought into the church when reasons and facts are A Paris correspondent records the placed before them. They are intelligent death of the Very Rev. Frere Joseph, ligent, and what they sak is to hear superior general of the Brothers of sensible things said. The church the Christian schools, which took which so teaches them is the church

ous loss to his order. Three years readiness to accept truth is told by the ago his full-length portrait was one same missionary: "One evening, he says, "I was speaking of secret, socicties, a question about them having The French Chamber has abolished been asked. I set forth the position of pired that he was a Freemason, At last he arose and said; The father has convinced me; he is right-Free masonry ought not to stand between a man and Christ. If the church is divine: if it does come from God, then it has a right to command first in such matters as that and Chris-

tians are bound to obey. The man expressed the whole dimculty in one sentence, and he showed that such men as he are not prejudiced, that they will acknowledge the truth and the justice of the Citholic position when it is set before man If they do not do so, it is because they do not know, and if they do not know it is because Catholics have fulled in their duty of enlightening them. Indeed, missionaries have discover-

ed that the claims of the church are

so apparent to men when put before then that some are even loath to hear the missionaries. A man bearing a high rank among Masons was heard to say, after listening attentively to a "non-Catholic" lecture, that "he was very near entering the church because the Catholics had so strong a case aginst secret societies." The missionary prevailed mon him to take some Catholic literature, and he is now engaged in reading up the claims of the church. Such cases are probably more common than we think fully and perfectly within the doors

vana last week on routs from
to view to to found a houselful
order there. He was occommon
three pricets and five lay mode

Mar Samits, rector of the navian college, Rome, and for any Springheld diocess. Masses Suppose now on a walt to tale somethy

In ninety years the Spanish ing pect of the world here like ed from 26,190,000 to \$3,000,000

The money paid the latent's is apt to be hush money.

Rev. Charles Dauray, pastor of U Precious Blood church, Woodsonke R. I., will devote the mousy received in his Christman collection to the Two being raised for the opening of a per ish home for the aged.

A PLEA FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TION.

Following the brave deceand of

Rev. M. J. Lavelle, Lil. D., in Ne York, on November 25, 1999, for in tice to the Oatholics on the obsertion, comes the equally brave mand for justice to all the child of the people in the matter of relation in the public schools, by the Re-William S. Raineford, D. D., red St. George's Protestant church, New York, before the tieth Century ciub of Boston. Rainsford was amounced to mank "The Citizens' Duty to the Public Schools," and the large half of Be University Law school was green many public school inchers b present. He same promptly at first of citizen duties to the nurse of future citizens; Religion in backbone of a sound education. If you cannot bring some element of religion into the training of your chi dren you are not going to make \$ good citizens, and you are going? have the growth in this so that one simple dread spectre than fight the land from high to los leannes." Dr. Rainestord die functory reading of a s they done so ling faith? Dr. Balastord ter, the Methodist minister. inters of all demontmentions schools to impart religious.

> tion. o A Montana nun, Stater Ann elected second assistant and by the Pope for the purpose of line Sisters throughout the Slater Angels will hereafter re Rome, Blater Angela's name who becarries a mun was kines I Lincoln, and she is the daugh T. D. Lincoln, a prominent las Cincinnati, her family having remarkable for their literary and her mother noted for her There were at the couler seven mothers superior de different houses in every of the world, representing in tall nuns.

CATHOLICITY IN NEW O The canvassers who have gared for the past two w a religious house to house New Orleans, La, for the dejermining the religions to of the people reported that the canvage had be for one third of the ell the following possite Presbyterians, South 5 582 Lutherane brews, 4,568; Baptists, 3870 dists, 1132; other minor tions 1.834; no religious an 2,698. The result creates i nized. There has been some here as to the proportion the lics bear to the top denied by the evenge to yet this convince made been general churches, thows that the Catholics constitutes total population or 3870